

Events of the Revolutionary War

Event	When?	Where?	Who was involved?	What was the outcome (both short- and long-term, if applicable)
Battle of Bunker Hill	1775, soon after Lexington and Concord	Boston	British Redcoats – General Gage Massachusetts militia (Minutemen)	British won the battle, but lost more troops. Colonists showed again that they should not be underestimated.
Battle of New York	1776	New York City	British, including Navy under General Howe Continental Army under George Washington	Big British victory – used their naval power to drive Continental Army (C.A.) out of New York
Battle of Trenton	1776	Trenton, NJ	C.A. w/ George Washington (G.W.) Hessian soldiers fighting for G.B.	After retreating across NJ, G.W. leads surprise attack for important victory – inspired famous painting of “Washington Crossing the Delaware” (River)
Battle of Saratoga	1777	Upstate New York	Americans led by Gen. Gates and Col. Benedict Arnold, Brits led by Gen. Burgoyne	Big American victory, French convinced to help American cause, British defeated in North, decide to move war to southern colonies *French involvement spreads the conflict to Europe and the Caribbean, so British can't commit fully to North America
Encampment at Valley Forge	Winter of 1777-1778	Pennsylvania	G.W. / Continental Army Baron von Steuben	While British controlled American capital of Philadelphia, G.W. helped Continental Army survive through the winter despite roughly 2000 deaths
Battle of Charles Town	1780	South Carolina	British (Clinton) C.A./Southern Militias (Benjamin Lincoln)	Brits win – biggest losses for C.A. in the whole war. Even at this point, British forces seem stronger than Americans.
Battle of Yorktown	1781	Virginia	British (Cornwallis) C.A: (G.W.) with French (Lafayette/Rochambeau)	C.A. trapped Brits on peninsula while French navy blocked the port – Cornwallis surrenders, war over * Long stretch before peace terms are agreed upon though (Newburgh Conspiracy)
Treaty of Paris	1783	Paris, France	Americans: John Adams, Ben Franklin, John Jay British: David Hartley (he represented George III)	Brits recognize American independence, sets new American boundaries at Canadian border and Mississippi river *British essentially give away land under the feet of their Native American allies and loyalists *signed w/out consulting France, as was promised

